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1. OVER PAST YEAR WE HAVE REPORTED GOP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE LOW VOLUNTARY MEAT EXPORT RESTRAINT LEVEL ASSIGNED TO IT. MOST RECENTLY WE POINTED OUT (REF B) THAT GOP INTENDED TO REQUEST FORMALLY THAT USG RAISE ITS 1975 VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT QUOTA OF 2.5 MILLION POUNDS TO 10 MILLION POUNDS FOR 1976. THEREFORE, WE CAN ANTICIPATE AN UNFAVORABLE GOP REACTION WHEN WE CONVEY NOTICE THAT ALLOCATIONS UNDER 1976 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM WILL BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME (REF A).

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WISH TO REITERATE MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS (REF C) THAT WE RESPOND TO GOP REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN LEVEL AND THAT WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THIS COULD BE VERY EFFECTIVE STEP UNDER THE JOINT STATE-DOD PROGRAM OF HIGH VISIBILITY INTERIM ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.
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